

REMARKS

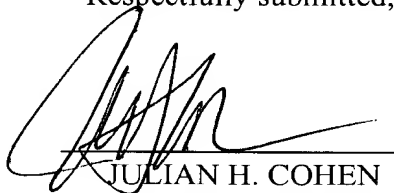
Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of September 10, 2003 and particularly to the election/restriction requirements therein.

Pursuant thereto, applicant elects for examination, without traverse, the invention designated by Group II, inclusive of claims 16-31, 35-39, 42, 70-73, 89-113, 115-131 and 147-178.

In order to advance the prosecution of the application, amendatory actino ha been taken in the claims.

It is respectfully requested that examination of the above application proceed on the basis of the election which has been made and the amendment of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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